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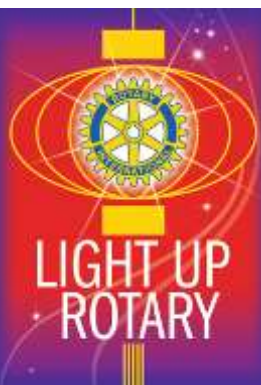
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**Rotary in June
Fellowship month**



EDITORIAL

THE SUNFLOWER FUND – *share a little, save a life* – By Graham Todd

Bone Marrow is regarded as a factory for the production of red cells to carry oxygen, white cells to fight infection and platelets to prevent bleeding. Leukaemia is the massive over-production of defective white blood cells, which displace normal healthy red and white cells and platelets thus weakening the body.

Each year thousands of South Africans, mostly children and teenagers, are diagnosed with blood disorders such as leukaemia, marrow failure and aplasia. For most, their only chance of survival is a bone marrow stem cell transplant. Sometimes it is possible for a relative to be a donor, but most patients are not so lucky and so a search for a matching, unrelated donor must begin. This is a daunting and traumatic task, with a chance of finding a matching donor just 1:100 000. An identical twin would be a perfect match and there is a 1:4 chance of having a matching sibling. But for 75% of patients they are not this fortunate and have to look on the bone marrow registrar for a matching unrelated donor. Imagine if South Africa had those 100 000 donors, people from all walks of life willing to **share a little, save a life**.

The “markers” that are tested when searching for a match are genetically inherited and often unique to a particular race. There are currently not enough donors on the Registry from 2011 ethnic groups. Currently only 19% of the S.A. Registry is made up of African, Asian and mixed ethnic donors and is something The Sunflower Fund is desperately trying to improve through public awareness and targeted donor drives. Finding the correct donor match depends on tissue type and because people’s genetic make-up is so varied and their tissue types are inherited characteristics, the chance of finding a suitable match is slim.

In South Africa with our “Rainbow Nation” we have even more unique combinations of tissue types and therefore need a larger registry that proportionately reflects these unique tissue types. People of all races need to become donors so that patients from all ethnic groups are afforded the opportunity to undergo a transplant. The Fund focuses on targeted donor drives to increase the ethnic diversity of the registrar and each resulting test costs up to R2000.00, hence The Sunflower Fund depends largely on donations from the public. To carry out its objectives The Sunflower Fund has to do major fundraising.

Countrywide the “National Bandanna Day” campaign has become the key element in the funds awareness and fundraising projects. They have received the support of supermarket giant Pick ‘n Pay, as well as Round Table. However, with diminishing numbers and clubs Round Table are no longer able to assist as they used to. I believe that our Rotary District, together with Rotoract, Interact and even Earlyact would be the perfect distribution channel to support The Sunflower Funds essential fundraising. **Share a little, save a life.**

MEETING OF 4 June 2015

Attendance

Present: 16

Apologies: 2

Make ups: 4

Total Attendance: 74%

President's Slot

President Jackie welcomed our visitors Christine Petts, Allan Lenders and Ruth Dessington

President Jackie then had the wonderful task of inducting Ruth as the newest member of our club. Welcome to the club Ruth and hope you have a memorable time with us.

Fellowship Announcements

It was Stephen Bredenkamp, June Orsmond and Paul Scarlet birthday on 3 June 2015. HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU ALL. Hope You had a wonderful day.

Don mentioned that it will be Edith's birthday on Saturday – We wish her a HAPPY BIRTHDAY.

Slots

Karen: Mentioned Induction Dinner invitations that went out on 04.06.2015. Please respond if you will be attending or not. Also Progressive dinner for 27 June is well attended and need one more offer for hosting dessert. All that is required for this is to serve coffee and tea and the crockery and cutlery for dessert. The desserts will be catered for by other members of the club.

Jackpot

And with all to play for, the Jackpot of R650 hers to lose, Pam drew the 9 of Hearts!!! Pity the Jackpot card was the King of clubs. All together now, Ahhhh shame.

So with her head hung low, Pam drew Hugh's name (who? Everyone asked) for the attendance prize of R15.

President's quotes

"The difference between stupidity and genius is that genius has its limits".

Albert Einstein.

As this was a business meeting, the minutes are circulated separately.

GOING FORWARD

Duty Roster

	Jun				Jul
	4	11	18	25	2
Sergeant	Hovstad	Murphy	Overbosch	Schreiber	
Attendance Officer	A O'Driscoll	A O'Driscoll	A O'Driscoll	A O'Driscoll	
Wynpress Editorial	Todd	Van Eeden	S van Niekerk	Vivian	
Minutes for Wynpress	Overbosch	Bredenkamp	Smith	Bredenkamp	INDUCTION
Door Duty	Todd	Van Eeden	Van Wyk	Barnard	
Grace	Munday	Murphy	A O'Driscoll	Overbosch	
Loyal Toast	Overbosch	Schonegevel	Schreiber	Todd	
International Toast	Barnard	Bird	Bredenkamp	Gowdy	
Speaker Introduction	N/A	TBA	TBA	TBA	
Speaker Thanks	N/A	Vivian	Bird	Bredenkamp	
Find Speakers	Barnard, Bird, Hovstad, Jackson, Vivian, Schonegevel, A O Driscoll				van Wyk, Gowdy, Overbosch, Todd, Murphy, Klotz-Gleave, Van Niekerk

Programme

Sat Jun 6 Steenberg Rotaract

Thur June 11 Speaker: Mary Ta: Rwanda, and what I've learnt from my studies and year at UCT

Fri June 12 – Sunday June 21: Visit to Norway

Mon Jun 15 Wynberg Rotaract

Thur Jun18 tbc: many of the club are in Norway

Sat Jun 20 Steenberg Rotaract

Thur Jun 25 Normal meeting: Speaker tbc

Sat Jun 27 Progressive Dinner

Tues Jun 30 WRC Board meeting

Thur July 2 WRC Presidential Induction: Jonkershuis – Groot Constantia.

See the WRC [calendar](http://wynbergrotary.org.za/calendar/) (http://wynbergrotary.org.za/calendar/) for full details.

ROTARY INFORMATION



What is the difference and purpose of Mini Conference, District Conference, District Assembly and POETS:

District Conference: An event at which all Rotarians in the District can meet, hear inspirational addresses and discuss matters of importance to Rotary clubs and RI. Traditionally in our District it is an opportunity to recognise and showcase achievements in a variety of fields by clubs and offer an exchange of ideas for projects and activities. Attendance is voluntary but all Rotarians pay a conference levy to fund the costs of running the conference excluding social functions.

District Assembly: Correct name is District Training Assembly. Club presidents-elect build on PETS training to learn leadership skills while other incoming officers learn their responsibilities and develop their Rotary knowledge and skills. Traditionally, because of the long travel distances involved in our District, we normally combine these two separate events into one. Attendance at Assembly is obligatory for presidents-elect.

Presidents- and Officers-elect Training Seminar (POETS): Presidents-elect and other incoming club officers learn their new responsibilities and work with AG's on their goals. The focus is to develop both Rotary knowledge and skills to help incoming officers to better manage their clubs. Attendance at POETS is obligatory for presidents-elect.

Mini-Conference: This is an event which is intended to include the District Rotary Foundation seminar which each District is required to hold annually. Our practice has been to broaden it to cover a wider field of topics of interest to expand the opportunity for Rotarians to meet and extend their Rotary knowledge and to exchange ideas.

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TAILPIECE

Tired of constantly being broke & stuck in an unhappy marriage, a young husband decided to solve both problems by taking out a large insurance policy on his wife with himself as the beneficiary, and then arranging to have her killed.

A 'friend of a friend' put him in touch with a nefarious dark-side underworld figure who went by the name of 'Artie.' Artie explained to the husband that his going price for snuffing out a spouse was R5,000.

The husband said he was willing to pay that amount, but that he wouldn't have any cash on hand until he could collect his wife's insurance money. Artie insisted on being paid at least something up front, so the man opened his wallet, displaying the single Ten Rand bill that rested inside.

Artie sighed, rolled his eyes, & reluctantly agreed to accept the R10 as down payment for the dirty deed.

A few days later, Artie followed the man's wife to the local Woolworths Supermarket store. There, he surprised her in the produce department & proceeded to strangle her with his gloved hands. As the poor unsuspecting woman drew her last breath & slumped to the floor, the manager of the produce department stumbled unexpectedly onto the murder scene. Unwilling to leave any living witnesses behind, ol' Artie had no choice but to strangle the produce manager as well.

However, unknown to Artie, the entire proceedings were captured by the hidden security cameras & observed by the store's security guard, who immediately called the police. Artie was caught and arrested before he could even leave the store.

Under intense questioning at the police station, Artie revealed the whole sordid plan, including his unusual financial arrangements with the hapless husband who was also quickly arrested.
The next day in the newspaper, the headline declared:

'ARTIE CHOKES 2 for R10.00 @ WOOLWORTHS'

